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SUBJECT: LOS: FONSEC RABASA'S REPORTED COMMENTS ON PATRIMONIAL SEA

REF: STATE 86792

1. MEXICO CITY APRIL 27 PRESS WIDELY REPORTED STATEMENTS SUPPOSEDLY MADE BY FONSEC RABASA TO EFFECT THAT GOM WILL DECLARE 200-MILE PATRIMONIAL SEA AT OUTSET OF CARACAS LOS. STORY BANNER-LINED IN EXCLSIOR AND NOVEDADES WITH LESSER COVERAGE IN OTHER PAPERS. ALL ACCOUNTS WERE AP/AFP PICKUPS DATELINED WASHINGTON.

2. STORIES UNANIMOUSLY REPORTED THAT RABASA HAD INFOMRED SECRETARY KISSINGER OF MEXICAN INTENTION, AND THAT THE SECRETARY IN TURN HAD ASSURED HIS MEXICAN COUNTERPART THAT THIS "WILL NOT LEAD TO CONFRONTATION BETWEEN MEXICO AND US..." HOWEVER, EL NACIONAL AND EXCELSIOR GO ON TO ATTRIBUTE TO "DEPARTMENT OF STATE SOURCES" STATEMENTS THAT SUCH MEXICAN DECISION WOULD LEAD TO

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CONFLICT WITH US SHRIMPING INTERESTS IN GULF OF MEXICO. IF

STORIES ARE CORRECT, RABASA MADE HIS DECLARATION DURING AN APPEARANCE ON PROGRAM ENTITLED "OVERSEAS MISSION".

3. EMBASSY HAS TRIED TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT RABASA CORRECTLY QUOTED. FONSECRETARIAT LOS SPOKESMAN (MANUEL TELLO) WILL NOT RETURN TO MEXICO UNTIL LATER THIS WEEK. FONSEC RABASA'S PRIVATE SECRETARY (GONZALEZ PARRODI) UNWILLING TO CONFIRM OR DENY STATEMENTS PENDING CONSULTATION WITH HIS BOSS.

4. COMMENT: MEXICO'S POSITION IN FAVOR OF PATRIMONIAL SEA IS WELL KNOWN. AS NOTED IN MOST RECENT CASP (P. 36), WE ASSUME THAT, UNILATERALLY OR OTHERWISE, GOM WILL MAKE MOVE TO ESTABLISH SUCH CLAIM PRIOR TO EXPIRATION OF ECHEVERRIA'S TERM OF OFFICE. EMBASSY'S PREVIOUS ANALYSIS (MEXICO 9464 OF DECEMBER 17, 1973, FOR EXAMPLE) HAS BEEN THAT GOM WOULD PREFER TO AWAIT RESULTS OF LOS BEFORE DECIDING HOW TO PROCEED. HOWEVER, EMBASSY DID RECEIVE ONE RECENT REPORT INDICATING THAT GOM MIGHT ACT EARLIER (SEE DAO IR 6 864 00 36 74 OF APRIL 8, 1974).  
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